

## RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

## FLORIDA ROAD SAFETY AND SAFE TEEN DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, public awareness of the hazards of impaired and distracted driving has been increased through collaborative efforts of the state government and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Florida appreciate the local citizen activist groups such as The Dori Slosberg Foundation, the Geico Philanthropic Company, The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Florida Department of Transportation who help promote driver and passenger safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of drivers and passengers lose their lives each year as they travel on our nations roadways and the largest number of injury crashes in 2012 involved reports of some sort of driver distraction (NHTSA); and

WHEREAS, the suffering caused by dangerous or distracted driving touches the lives of countless families and needless emotional anguish from these tragedies far exceeds any dollar amount associated with crashes and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, every individual makes a strong commitment to preventing the loss of life by practicing safe driving practices and reminding others to be sober, drug free, and safe on the road, like the team and crew participating in the "Survive the Drive" Geico Road Safety Bicycle tour;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April, 2013, as *Florida Road Safety and Safe Teen Driver Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor